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CIVIL WAR

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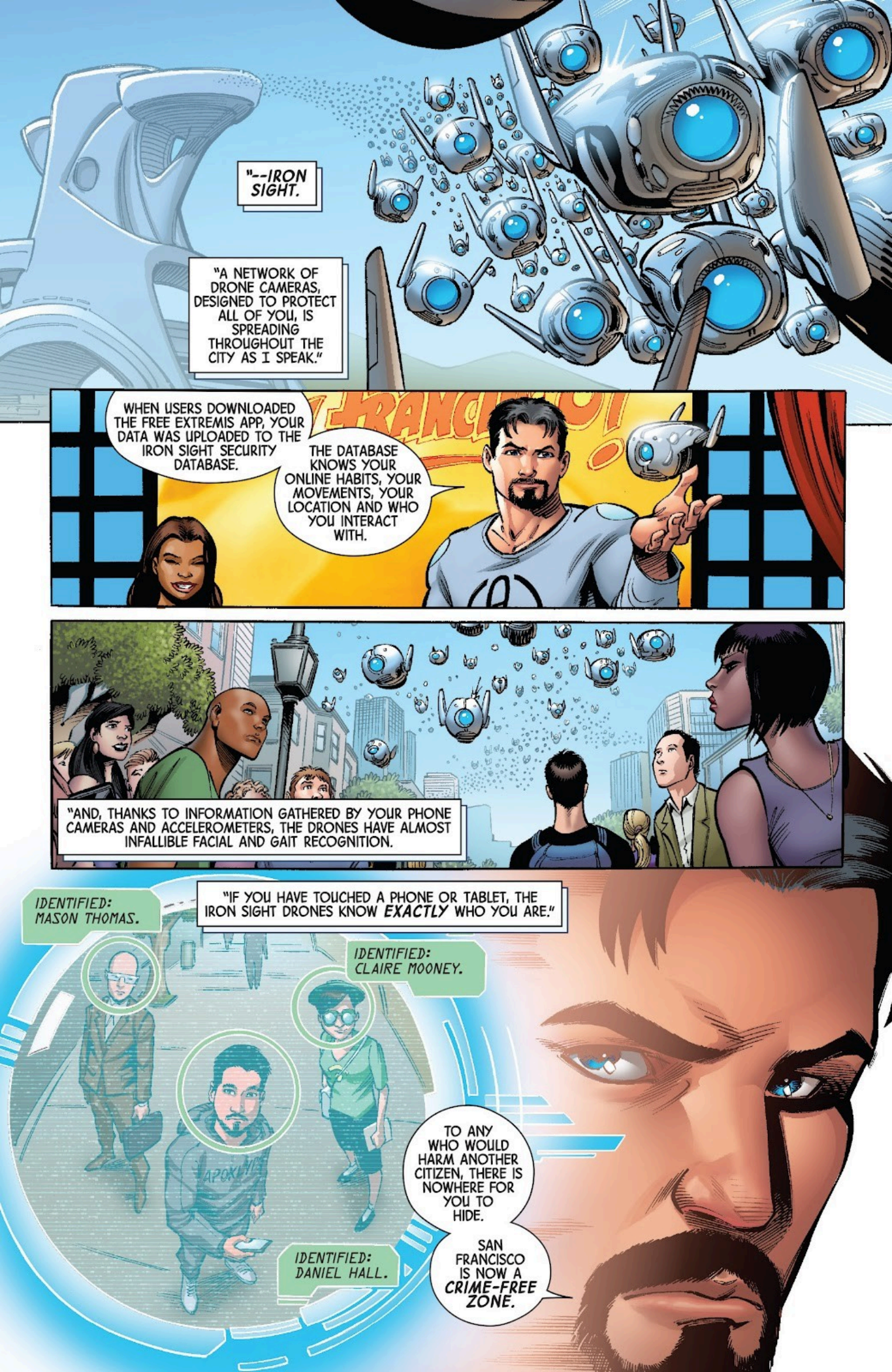
MONTHS AGO AT THE AVENGERS' LOS ANGELES STRONGHOLD.
YOU HAVE TO BE @#$% ME!
DID THAT SOUND "RIGHT"? DO YOU ASSESS THAT HUMANS WILL LIKE THIS KIND OF ROUGH VERNACULAR FROM ME?
UH...
IT'S A LITTLE DISCONCERTING TO BE HONEST.
BECAUSE OF HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU'VE KILLED.
IN THE PAST, IT WAS A LIFETIME AGO.
ESPECIALLY FOR THE DEAD FOLKS.
I'M SORRY, I MUST DECLINE MEMBERSHIP IN THE AVENGERS.
WHY?
THEY'LL BE AFRAID OF WHAT THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I CAME TO YOU JUST TO "REGISTER," LIKE YOU WANTED EVERYONE TO DO DURING THE CIVIL WAR THAT TORE APART THE AVENGERS.
I'LL *MAKE* THEM UNDERSTAND. IF YOU AGREE THAT I CAN HAVE COMPLETE AND *TOTAL* OPTICS INTO YOUR OPERATING SYSTEM...
...AND THE ABILITY TO SEE THROUGH YOUR SENSORS, INCLUDING LOCATION. ANY ACTION TAKEN WILL BE MONITORED. *REGISTERED.*
WHAT ABOUT A KILL SWITCH? PERHAPS--
NO, IF YOU'RE ***OPEN SOURCE*** WITH ME--WE WON'T NEED IT.

IT'S TIME TO--
--WAKE UP, SAN FRANCISCO!
Wake up SAN FRANCISCO!
HA!
THANKS, TRENT!
OUR FIRST GUEST NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION. FOR EVERYONE USING HIS INCREDIBLE EXTREMIS 3.0, HE'S THE ONLY NAME ON OUR MUCH FULLER LIPS.
HE'S A BILLIONAIRE, HE'S A PHILANTHROPIST, HE'S A VISIONARY, AND HE'S AN IRON MAN.
PLEASE WELCOME TO THE STUDIO...

TONY STARK!
WOOOOOO!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLA
THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
A FREE DAY OF EXTREMIS FOR THE ENTIRE STUDIO AUDIENCE.
WOOOOO!
MISTER STARK. THANK YOU FOR TAKING TEN YEARS OFF OF ME!
MY ABSOLUTE PLEASURE, MANDY. AND THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO TALK ABOUT EXTREMIS 3.0 TODAY.
A FEW OF MY FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES HAVE POINTED OUT THAT, WHILE EXTREMIS 3.0 HAS DONE INCREDIBLE THINGS FOR MOST OF THIS CITY, IT HAS MADE SOME ACT OUT IN WAYS THAT ARE LESS THAN IDEAL.
WE HAVE SEEN SOME REGRETTABLE INSTANCES FROM THOSE WHO CANNOT ACCESS OR CANNOT AFFORD EXTREMIS 3.0.
I'M HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE HERE TODAY THAT THIS WON'T BE A PROBLEM AGAIN.
AS THIS BROADCAST BEGAN, A NEW STARK SECURITY SYSTEM CAME ONLINE THROUGHOUT SAN FRANCISCO--


"--IRON SIGHT.
"A NETWORK OF DRONE CAMERAS, DESIGNED TO PROTECT ALL OF YOU, IS SPREADING THROUGHOUT THE CITY AS I SPEAK."
WHEN USERS DOWNLOADED THE FREE EXTREMIS APP, YOUR DATA WAS UPLOADED TO THE IRON SIGHT SECURITY DATABASE.
THE DATABASE KNOWS YOUR ONLINE HABITS, YOUR MOVEMENTS, YOUR LOCATION AND WHO YOU INTERACT WITH.
"AND, THANKS TO INFORMATION GATHERED BY YOUR PHONE CAMERAS AND ACCELEROMETERS, THE DRONES HAVE ALMOST INFALLIBLE FACIAL AND GAIT RECOGNITION.
"IF YOU HAVE TOUCHED A PHONE OR TABLET, THE IRON SIGHT DRONES KNOW EXACTLY WHO YOU ARE."
IDENTIFIED: MASON THOMAS.
IDENTIFIED: CLAIRE MOONEY.
IDENTIFIED: DANIEL HALL.
TO ANY WHO WOULD HARM ANOTHER CITIZEN, THERE IS NOWHERE FOR YOU TO HIDE.
SAN FRANCISCO IS NOW A CRIME-FREE ZONE.

...AND THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT HOME-GROWN CRIMINALS.
THE IRON SIGHT SECURITY WEB WILL CATCH TERRORISTS, CRIMINALS, SUPER VILLAINS... ANYONE ENTERING SAN FRANCISCO WILL BE KNOWN AND RECORDED WITHIN SECONDS.
ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT PRIVACY ISSUES?

I SYMPATHIZE WITH THE NEED FOR PRIVACY. BUT IF IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN AND TRENT'S-- FRANKLY BIZARRE--BROWSER HISTORY, THERE IS NO REAL CHOICE.
FRANCISCO!
HEH.

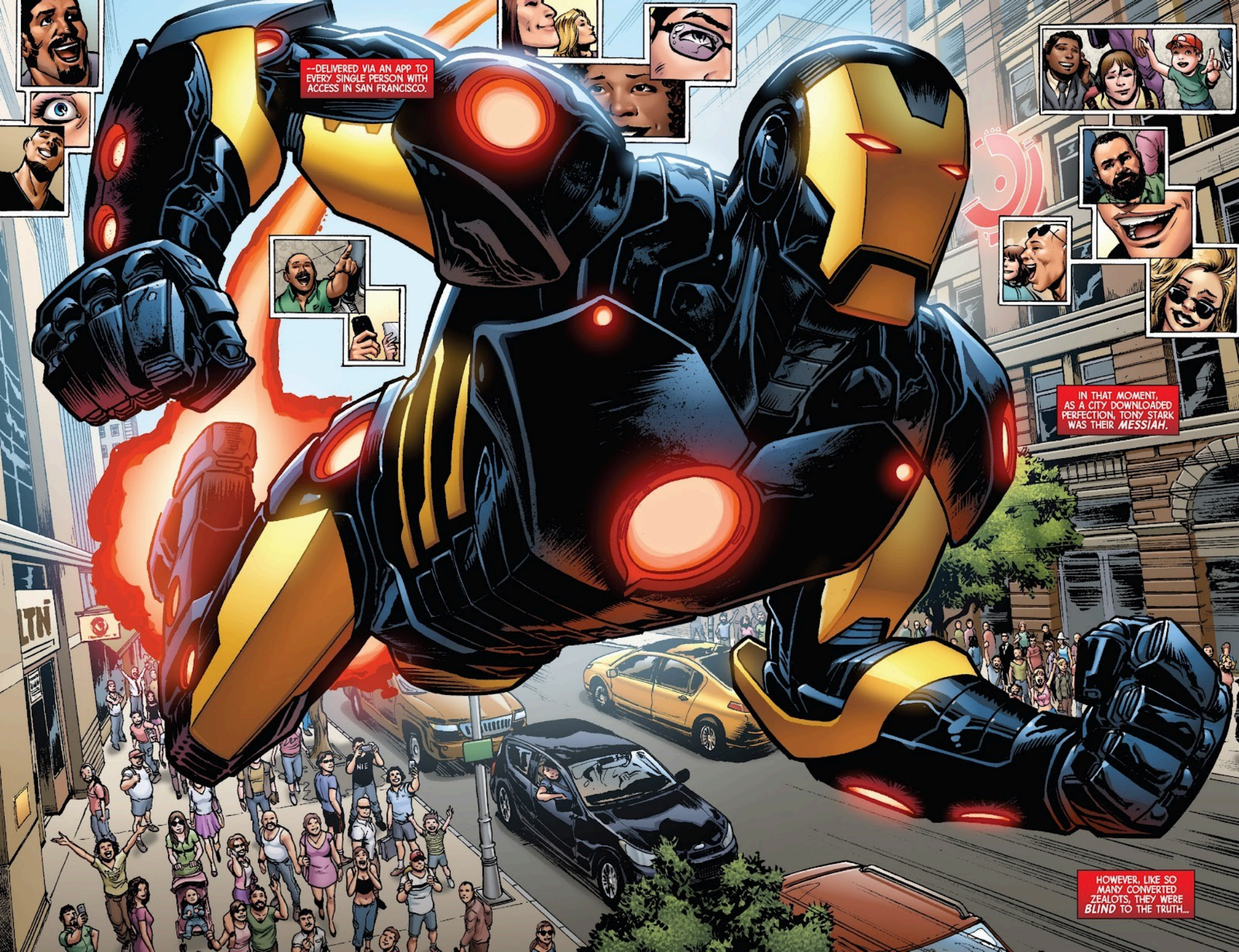
I INTEND TO KEEP THE CITY AND ITS CITIZENS SAFE. EXTREMIS 3.0 MAKES YOU THE BEST YOU YOU CAN BE. IRON SIGHT ENSURES THAT NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO YOU.
AND FOR THOSE WHO STILL CAN'T AFFORD THE WONDERS OF EXTREMIS?

THIS IS HOW YOU GIVE THE PEOPLE SOMETHING TO ASPIRE TO. BY PUTTING IT JUST OUT OF REACH AND WATCHING THEM CLAW FOR IT.
THIS IS THE "TRICKLE-UP" EFFECT. ALL THOSE DRIPS CLAMBERING FOR THE CHANCE TO BE SOMETHING BETTER. THE STRONG WILL BE STRONGER, THE WEAK WILL TRY HARDER.

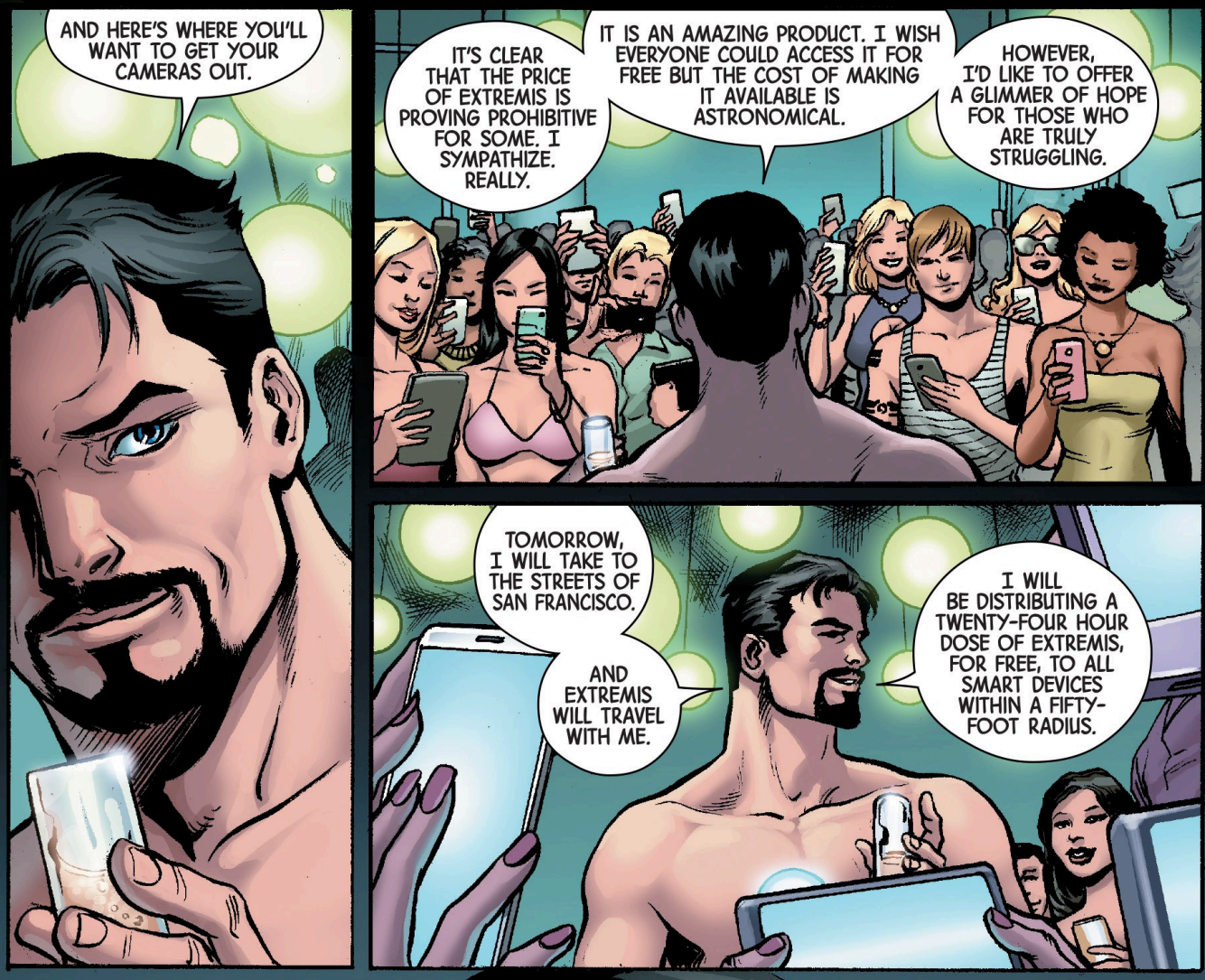
THE APP IS NOT PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE. IT IS WITHIN YOUR REACH. BUT YOU NEED TO TAKE SOME PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.
YOU NEED TO TRY HARDER. YOU NEED TO EARN MORE. YOU NEED TO BE BETTER. YOU NEED TO BE SUPERIOR.
IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP, SAN FRANCISCO.

I'M SORRY TO CUT THIS SHORT, MANDY, BUT SOMETHING'S COME UP--

EXTREMIS 3.0.
A TECHNO-VIRUS DESIGNED TO TRANSFORM YOU INTO THE VERY BEST "YOU" YOU CAN BE. BEAUTY, MUSCLE TONE, HEALTH--
OKAY, SAN FRANCISCO. IT'S TIME TO LOOK PRETTY FOR ME.


--DELIVERED VIA AN APP TO EVERY SINGLE PERSON WITH ACCESS IN SAN FRANCISCO.
IN THAT MOMENT, AS A CITY DOWNLOADED PERFECTION, TONY STARK WAS THEIR MESSIAH.
HOWEVER, LIKE SO MANY CONVERTED ZEALOTS, THEY WERE BLIND TO THE TRUTH...

--AS A MATTER OF FACT...
WHY ARE YOU SMILING, TONY?
I JUST HUMILIATED A STUPID C-GRADE SUPER VILLAIN AND SAVED DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO.
HUH?
WHEN?
BETWEEN THE DEPRAVITY IN THE SPA AND THE LAST SIP OF THIS COCKTAIL.
TONY.


AND HERE'S WHERE YOU'LL WANT TO GET YOUR CAMERAS OUT.
IT'S CLEAR THAT THE PRICE OF EXTREMIS IS PROVING PROHIBITIVE FOR SOME. I SYMPATHIZE. REALLY.
IT IS AN AMAZING PRODUCT. I WISH EVERYONE COULD ACCESS IT FOR FREE BUT THE COST OF MAKING IT AVAILABLE IS ASTRONOMICAL.
HOWEVER, I'D LIKE TO OFFER A GLIMMER OF HOPE FOR THOSE WHO ARE TRULY STRUGGLING.
TOMORROW, I WILL TAKE TO THE STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO.
AND EXTREMIS WILL TRAVEL WITH ME.
I WILL BE DISTRIBUTING A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR DOSE OF EXTREMIS, FOR FREE, TO ALL SMART DEVICES WITHIN A FIFTY-FOOT RADIUS.

I WILL BE YOUR MAGNANIMOUS SHINING HUB OF HOPE.
TOMORROW. ON CASTRO STREET. AT MIDDAY.

THE NEXT DAY.
CASTRO STREET...
...TWO AND A HALF HOURS AFTER MIDDAY.
A COUPLE OF RULES. I KNOW THIS IS VERY EXCITING BUT I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU TRIED NOT TO TRAMPLE THOSE AROUND YOU.
IT'S HARD TO BE A SHINING HUB OF HOPE WHEN PEOPLE ARE SCREAMING.
ALSO-- SCREAMING-- NONE OF THAT.
I HAD A PARTY LAST NIGHT THAT EVEN EXTREMIS CAN'T HELP ME FULLY RECOVER FROM.
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
I SEE YOU WALKING THROUGH THE STREET. I SEE WHAT YOU'VE TURNED THESE PEOPLE INTO. HOW THEY FAWN.
GREAT. YOU'RE VERY PERCEPTIVE.
YOU CAN'T BUY THEM WITH THIS.
THEY DON'T LOVE YOU.
Congratulations on being close to Tony! Enjoy 24 hours of Extremis for free. Just click "Accept".
ACCEPT
I LOVE YOU, TONY!
STARK F.T.W!
THAT GUY LOVES ME.
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MY SON. HE...I HAVE STRUGGLED WITH ADDICTION ALL MY LIFE. HE HAD ESCAPED MY CURSE, AND THEN YOU--
--YOU TURNED HIM OVERNIGHT. YOU DIDN'T EVEN GIVE HIM A CHOICE.
OF COURSE I GAVE HIM A CHOICE. DOES NO ONE READ THE USER AGREEMENT BEFORE THEY CLICK "ACCEPT"?
YOU'RE A MONSTER.
PLEASE. YOU AND I BOTH KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO--

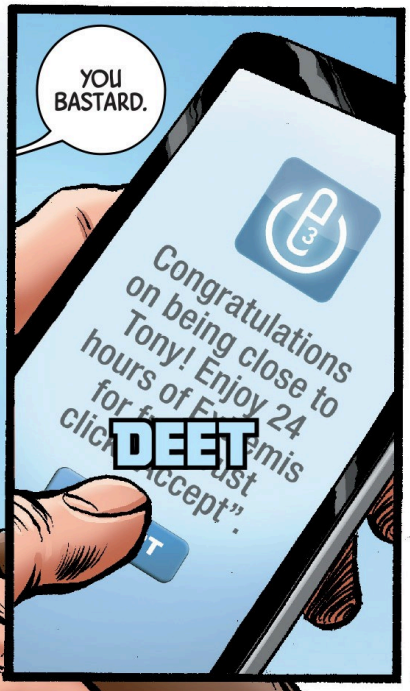
BANG!
OH--
I ♥ TONY
NO!
TAKE HIM DOWN!
WHA--

WHAT...?
IT'S CALLED GRAPHENE. STRONGER THAN MOST STEELS. TRANSPARENT.
I CAN'T BE COVERING MY FACE ALL THE TIME.
HOW COULD I DENY THE WORLD ALL OF *THIS?*
NOW, SHOOTING ME IN THE HEAD I CAN FORGIVE. NO HARM DONE.
BUT YOU ATTACKED MY PRODUCT IN PUBLIC, AND THAT'S SOMETHING I *CANNOT* ALLOW.
WE'RE GOING TO FIX THIS.
YOUR NAME IS... DAVID BRAY.
YOUR SON'S NAME IS...

...SIMON.
AH. I CAN SEE WHY YOU'RE SO CONCERNED.
A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO, HE HELD A WOMAN AT GUNPOINT. SHE POSTED AN IMAGE ONLINE AND IT'S SPREADING FAST ACROSS ALL SOCIAL NETWORKS.
SIMON LOOKS SCARED IN THIS PHOTO.
I CAN SEE THE FAMILY RESEMBLANCE.
I'M GOING TO MAKE THIS PICTURE GO AWAY. THERE'LL BE NO TRACE OF IT ONLINE. I'LL EVEN ERASE IT FROM THE PHONE OF THE WOMAN WHO TOOK IT.
BUT YOU'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME.
WHAT?
YOU'RE GOING TO COME BACK DOWN THERE WITH ME. WE'RE GOING TO TELL PEOPLE IT WAS ALL PART OF THE SHOW. YOU'RE GOING TO BE VERY QUIET AND SMILE VERY WIDE.
AND YOU'RE GOING TO DOWNLOAD YOUR FREE EXTREMIS.
NO... PLEASE. I DON'T WANT--
DAVID. BE SMART. THERE'S NO OTHER WAY OUT OF THIS.
YOU'VE JUST TRIED TO KILL ME IN FRONT OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, AND THEIR CAMERAS. YOUR SON IS IN TROUBLE. I CAN MAKE THAT SITUATION MUCH WORSE FOR HIM.
ALSO--

--IT'S A VERY LONG WAY DOWN.

YOU BASTARD.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THERE. WAS THAT SO HARD?
HOW DO YOU FEEL?

INCREDIBLE.
DAMN STRAIGHT.
NOW SMILE.

No one else heard their conversation.

But I heard every word--

YOU THINK I DIDN'T SCAN FOR YOU IN THE CROWD YESTERDAY?
YOU HONESTLY THINK I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D COME FOR ME AGAIN?
BEING BLIND, YOU MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THAT I SEE *EVERYTHING.*
TAKING OUT THE ELECTRONICS. REMOVING ME FROM ALL SIGNALS. THAT WAS VERY CLEVER.
BUT IT'S NOT JUST ELECTRIC SIGNALS ANYMORE. TECHNOLOGY HAS TO MOVE BEYOND THAT.
SYMBIOTIC BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY.
IT'S GOT A LITTLE BIT OF ME IN IT.
IT'S ALIVE, MATT.
I CAN *FEEL* IT.
IT CAN *FEEL ME.*
KNOCK. KNOCK.
KOOOOOOOM